



Israel to be asked to extradite Nazi from Britain

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Israel is to be asked next week to stage another major Nazi war crimes trial — that of Antanas Gecas, allegedly involved in the murders of thousands of Lithuanian Jews between 1941 and 1944.

Three members of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC) are flying to Israel soon for a meeting with Justice Minister Avraham Shariar at which they will ask him to request the extradition of Gecas from Britain, where he has lived since 1947, to face trial in Israel.

The Wiesenthal Centre on Friday presented the British Home Office with 1,100 pages of documentation concerning Gecas, including eye-witness depositions in support of the allegations that while serving as a platoon commander in the infamous 12th Lithuanian Police Battalion, he personally murdered hundreds of Lithuanians and ordered the executions of thousands more.

Home Office Deputy Undersecretary of State, David Faulkner, on Friday welcomed the Wiesenthal Centre's dossier on Gecas, describing it as "precisely the kind of

evidence we have been waiting for." According to Efraim Zuroff, director of the SWC's Israel office, Faulkner indicated that the British government would now launch its own investigation of Gecas, something it refused to do last March when the SWC first notified the government of the allegations against him.

SWC dean Rabbi Marvin Hier has described Gecas as, "in a way, a bigger Nazi criminal than even Klaus Barbie. Gecas is a man accused by numerous eye-witnesses of killing hundreds

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and organizing the killing of additional thousands. Nobody ever said that Barbie personally killed on such a scale."

Gecas, 71, a retired mining engineer who lives in Edinburgh, has admitted that he was a member of the 12th battalion, but has repeatedly denied any role in war-time killings.

Gecas was one of 17 names on a list of alleged Nazi war criminals in Britain, compiled by SWC investigators.

Although it has been established that nine of the 17 are still alive in Britain, the government declined to take action against them, demanding that the SWC first provide "sufficient information" about their alleged crimes.

Zuroff told *The Jerusalem Post* that the British government would now take up the Gecas case, but he stressed that Home Secretary Douglas Hurd has already ruled out the possibility of bringing Gecas to trial in Britain. British law does not provide for the trial of persons whose alleged crimes were committed outside British territory, and who were not British citizens at the time of the alleged crimes.

Hurd has also ruled out the possibility of extraditing Gecas to the Soviet Union, noting that there is no extradition treaty between Britain and the Soviet Union.

The option of extradition to Israel has been discussed, however, and, according to Zuroff, "Britain has let it be understood that it would be willing to consider extraditing Gecas to Israel to face trial."

Thus the Wiesenthal Centre delegation is to meet with Shariar in the hope that he will agree to make a formal request to Britain for Gecas's extradition.

After pledges from Shamir

Tehiya now cool on early elections

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tehiya's ardour for dissolving the Knesset and holding early elections cooled considerably on Friday after the faction's leaders had conferred with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shamir pursued a carrot-and-stick policy at the meeting, trying to entice the right-wing opposition party with promises of more settlement on the West Bank, albeit very modest, and warning of damage which early elections could do to the cause of both the Likud and Tehiya.

But anonymous Alignment sources reacted swiftly over the weekend to radio reports about more settlement on the West Bank and predicted that the prime minister's initiative would be nipped in the bud by Alignment cabinet ministers.

The Likud Knesset faction responded in an official announcement which accused the Alignment of "corruption."

The Tehiya party's central committee meets this afternoon in Jerusalem to decide on the original proposal by its secretariat last week to submit a private bill this Wednesday calling for the Knesset's dissolution and early elections. Other factions have also mooted the idea of submit-

ting similar bills on Wednesday. None is assured a majority.

However, the Tehiya leaders emerged from Shamir's bureau on Friday with a different tune.

Following the meeting with Shamir on Friday, one of the Tehiya leaders told waiting reporters that "new points were raised by the prime minister and new angles discussed on various aspects of the problems on the agenda."

Tehiya chairman Yuval Ne'eman said: "We shall have to weigh up the situation and it will be up to the central committee on Sunday to decide one way or the other about the early election proposal."

But before the central committee meets the Tehiya leaders will be conferring at Shamir's request with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Housing Minister David Levy to hear what money and what practical projects they can offer to promote West Bank settlement.

Shamir told the five Tehiya MKs that the government would go ahead with two of the six settlements whose establishment had been approved between the Likud and the Alignment previously.

These two settlements are Avnei Hefetz near Tulkarm, and Hadar (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

French-Iranian crisis deepens

NICOSIA (AP). — The crisis between France and Iran deepened yesterday, a day after Paris severed relations with Teheran and the Islamic republic took reciprocal action six hours later.

Iran yesterday accused French diplomats in Teheran of spying and helping opponents of Ayatollah Khomeini's government, and said the embassy workers must be brought to trial.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) reported that Iranian police were surrounding the French Embassy, continuing a blockade begun several days ago.

France yesterday expelled four members of the Iranian Embassy staff amid concern that French Embassy personnel in Teheran or French hostages in Beirut would become targets of angry reprisals for the severing of relations. All 40-odd Iranian diplomats and staff in the Embassy were surrounded by reinforced police guarding the building and were not being allowed to leave.

The embassy, across the Seine from the Eiffel Tower, has been encircled since late June after officials refused to give up an employee wanted for questioning about terrorist activity.

Irna, monitored in Nicosia, reported yesterday that Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi accused French diplomats of acting as a bridge to help counter-revolutionaries escape from Iran.

Mohtashemi also accused the French of linking anti-government splinter groups inside Iran. He said Iran had documents to prove it.

The latest Iranian statements heightened fears in Paris that French diplomats in Teheran might be taken hostage, as Americans were in November 1979. (Gulf War — Page 3)

38 British MPs back Vanunu for Nobel Prize

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Thirty-six British Members of Parliament have expressed support for the nomination of Mordechai Vanunu for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Vanunu, the nuclear technician awaiting trial in Israel for revealing the "secret" of Israel's nuclear arsenal to the *Sunday Times*, has been nominated by the British-based Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

Foundation spokesman Ken Coates said, in explaining the nomination, that Vanunu's information "ended decades of speculation about the nuclearization of the Middle East conflict."

In a letter to the *Times* last week, writers Graham Greene, Auberon Waugh and Piers Paul Read called on Israel to release Vanunu immediately, describing his imprisonment as an offence against justice and international standards of human rights.



Armed French police wearing bullet-proof vests positioned on the rooftop of a building near the Iranian Embassy in Paris. (Reuters)

India eases temporary ban on Israeli tourists

By ORI LEWIS

The Indian authorities have eased their temporary ban on Israeli visitors imposed for the next two weeks, and will today allow a small group of journalists and supporters into the country to watch next weekend's Israel-India Davis Cup tennis tie.

The group flies to India today after receiving word over the weekend that they had been granted special dispensation from the

suddenly-imposed curb on Israeli tourism.

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem yesterday insisted that "all is well" regarding the entry of Israeli citizens to India. After contacts with Israel's consul in Bombay, ministry officials said that "there is no problem with India."

They added that a group of Israeli tourists were permitted entry over

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Move to ease entry procedures for U.S. blacks

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Representatives of the Foreign and Interior Ministries, the police and the Shin Bet are to meet this morning to decide on steps to ease entry procedures into Israel of black Americans and Americans of Arab origin.

The meeting follows Thursday's U.S. State Department complaint about 75 recent cases of harassment of black and Arab American citizens at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The Foreign Ministry hopes to persuade the Interior Ministry and the security authorities to "lighten their touch" in dealing with these categories of tourists at the airport.

The Interior Ministry is worried about Black Hebrews slipping into the country to join their brethren in Dimona and about Arabs arriving under false pretences and "vanishing" in the territories. The security authorities are worried about the entry of potential trouble-makers.

The Foreign Ministry hopes that today's review of the procedures will put an end to the harassment of innocent tourists.

David Makovsky adds from Washington:

The State Department sounded a softer note on Friday on the issue of the 75 complaints registered by black and Arab American citizens.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said: "Israel has taken our concerns seriously. We hope that this is a sign of movement toward a successful resolution of this conflict."

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Israel's non-playing Davis Cup tennis captain Yossi Stabholz (far right) smiles as Amos Mansdorf as they are escorted by security guards in New Delhi yesterday. Following them are trainer Pini Shimon and Israel Tennis Association chairman David Harnik. (AFP)

Davis Cup squad unfazed by tight security in Delhi

By YORAM KESSEL,

ORI LEWIS and

AP Correspondent in Delhi,

DILIP GANGULY

Israel's national tennis squad yesterday began their preparations in earnest for this week's all-important Davis Cup match in Delhi, shrugging off the pressures created by the tight security arrange-

ments enforced by the Indian authorities.

"We were given a very friendly welcome, and the security procedures are not really a burden on our preparations," the team's non-playing captain, Yossi Stabholz, told *The Jerusalem Post* by phone from the Indian capital last night.

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Tourists return to Egypt as terror fear recedes

CAIRO (Reuters). — Tourists are returning to Egypt after a drop in visitors over the last 18 months because of fears abroad of Middle East terrorist violence.

Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Fouad Sultan, expects revenue from holidaymakers, mostly West Europeans, to double at least by the end of this year, from \$2 billion from last year's \$900 million.

This would lift tourism to second place in Egypt's hard-currency earners, behind remittances from Egyptians working abroad but ahead of oil and the Suez Canal.

"If tourism development continues at the present rate, it may become the main source of earnings for Egypt's balance of payments by the end of the current 1987-92 plan," Sultan said.

Two factors have put Egypt back on vacationers' maps — absence of headline-grabbing bad news for over a year and depreciation of the Egyptian pound.

There has been no major Middle East terrorist violence in Egypt since Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise liner off Alexandria in October 1985 and hijackers forced an Egyptian airliner to Malta the following month.

Egypt has not suffered a major internal crisis since riots by thousands of security police, in which hotels were burned down and one foreign tourist was killed, in February last year.

Sultan said 37 per cent more tourists had come to Egypt from January to May this year compared with the same five months last year — indicating much better figures for the full year.

Last year, only 1.3 million people visited Egypt, 200,000 fewer than in 1985, statistics from the Ministry of Tourism show.

The number of Americans dropped especially — to 65,000 last year from 160,000 in 1985. Egyptians say the main cause was Middle East violence, including the killing of an American Jew, Leon Klinghoffer, during the Achille Lauro hijacking.

The number of U.S. tourists is still down, but West European and Arab visitors have more than taken up the slack.

They can now change their money at a reasonable rate legally, rather than in whispered street-corner deals. The pound was, in effect, devalued last May, when Egypt set up a limited free foreign exchange market.

In addition, Cairo is shifting the emphasis in its publicity from sight-seeing at its ancient monuments to sun-and-sand at its Mediterranean and Red Sea resorts, and to attracting conventions and conferences.

West Europeans, notably Germans, have already got the message. Rather than leaving after a quick trip to the Pyramids, they are coming on charter tours and staying longer, sightseeing and visiting new holiday centres on the Red Sea.

Tourist's average stay in Egypt has risen to 11 days from only six days in the past, Sultan said.

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Afula	21	21	31
Shomron	21	21	31
Tel Aviv	21	21	31
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Jericho	21	21	31
Gaza	21	21	31
Beersheba	21	21	31
Eilat	21	21	31

Petrol bombs thrown at cyclists in Jericho

Jerusalem Post Staff
Five petrol bombs were thrown at two Arab cyclists in Jericho on Thursday night, an Israeli military spokesman reported at the weekend. No one was injured.

Police believe the cyclists were suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities or were mistaken for Israeli visitors.

In Nablus, security forces closed a college for one week from last Thursday night. The order, signed by defence minister Yitzhak Rabin, was given 7 hours after stones were thrown at a police jeep, shattering the windshield. The closure order cited past disturbances and the possibility of future trouble.

Two killed in shelling of Sidon camp

SIDON (AFP). — Two Palestinians were killed and seven wounded yesterday east of this southern Lebanon port during mortar and heavy machinegun exchanges with Shi'ite Amal militia. Palestinian sources said.

It was the first time the two groups had used heavy weapons since an April ceasefire in the region, under which the Palestinians were to pull back from positions in the hills above Sidon.

Amal controls the village of Magdoush, which overlooks the refugee camps of Ein Hiltwe and Miyeh-Miyeh near Sidon, home of the strongest concentration of Palestinians in Lebanon.

Nehamkin meets with Beit Jann villagers

By LISA PERLMAN
BEIT JANN. — Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin met here Friday morning with Druze villagers of this mountaintop Galilee village to hear their demands for land to be released to them from the Mount Meron Nature Reserve. The villagers' demands for 12,000 dunams in the reserve area are opposed by the Nature Reserves Authority, and were the cause of the recent violent attack on policemen and nature rangers.

Legal advisers for the residents and the Ministry of Agriculture are to meet tomorrow to discuss the issue. Beit Jann council leader Shafik Assad said residents were "pleased with the direction the talks had taken."

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Histadrut waiting for cabinet ok for Nissim to negotiate

Public sector wage accord expected in a few weeks

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

Histadrut trade union leaders last night foresaw an agreement with the Treasury over public sector wages within the next two to three weeks — if the cabinet today approves the Histadrut's proposal for the introduction of a five-day work week.

Haim Haberfeld, Histadrut trade union department head, said last night that the unions were waiting to see whether the cabinet would give Finance Minister Moshe Nissim the

authority to enter into negotiations over this issue.

At present the Treasury is bound by a 1978 government decision not to introduce a five-day week in the public sector before it has been implemented in the private realm.

Moshe Bet-Dagan, secretary-general of the administrative workers union, said that a five-day week was not the most important issue. But if the cabinet agrees to its implementation, he said, this will open the way for serious negotiations between the Treasury and the Histadrut.

The main problem facing the negotiators, said Bet-Dagan, is the distribution of future wage increases. He stressed that the low-paid and medium-level salary earners must receive an adequate rise which, at the same time, will not affect wage differentials.

Bet-Dagan maintained that if the Treasury wants a two-year wage agreement it has to promise the Histadrut that salaries will not be eroded in the second year, through price hikes for example.

He said that the cost-of-living increment agreement is scheduled to end in April next year and that the Histadrut would want it renewed.

The minister, in a statement released yesterday, said that studies abroad show that a shorter work week reduces tension, and improves relations in the family as there is more time to be together. More people would go for necessary medical treatment on their day off, he said.

The day off would be good for the economy, the minister added, because workers could do chores and visit government offices on their day off. The minister is a long-time supporter of the shorter working week.

JUDY SIEGEL adds: Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino believes that a five-day work week is "good for your health" and says she will support it in the cabinet.



A bomb exploded in central London yesterday under the car of a former Iranian minister who served the shah. The minister Amir Hussein Amir-Parviz, was injured in the blast. Police who examined the vehicle said an improvised device was used. (Reuters)

Israeli Kalmanovitch fights extradition on fraud charges

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Israeli businessman Shabtai Kalmanovitch, arrested in London two months ago on suspicion of involvement in a multi-million dollar counterfeit cheques fraud, said on Friday that he would fight extradition to the U.S.

Kalmanovitch was remanded on bail of £500,000 at Bow Street Magistrate's Court on Friday, and ordered to reappear tomorrow, when the U.S. Justice Department is due to submit a formal request for his extradition.

Kalmanovitch was arrested at the request of the FBI, which believes that he and his co-defendant, Vladimir Davidson, were involved in the

cashing of counterfeit cheques to the value of \$3 million at a bank in Monte Carlo.

Davidson, who holds dual British and Israeli citizenship, was remanded in custody, and will also appear in court tomorrow to face an extradition request.

Kalmanovitch, who is the representative in Israel of the black South African homeland of Bophuthatswana, denied on Friday that his arrest was affecting the gold and diamond trades of Sierra Leone, where he has major business interests.

He said that his Liat trading company, which operates in Sierra Leone, was "exporting the same amount of gold as before."

TEHIYA

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Beitar west of Jerusalem, close to the Arab village of Battir. Work has in fact already begun at both places on the infrastructure, but actual building construction has not started for lack of funds.

Shamir said that there was no need to decide on the timing to set up the two settlements. The only obstacle was money. The necessary sum in the first stage is said to be some \$15m.

Shamir also said that the government would build more roads in Judea and Samaria and would put up additional homes in existing settlements.

But the most effective shot in the prime minister's locker was apparently his admonition to Tehiya not to act rashly over early elections, which could cause a severe setback to the entire right wing and its aspirations for a Greater Israel.

"You could bring the national camp of our two parties into mortal danger," Shamir warned solemnly. "You know there will be no international conference while the present government rules, but that conference could become a very real prospect if a different government takes over after the elections."

"You dare not rule out the possi-

bility that the Alignment might head the next coalition, a prospect which Egypt, Jordan, Syria, the PLO, the U.S. and the Soviet Union all desire and will all work to achieve."

"The latest public opinion polls make it quite clear that the public does not want early elections, and the public will punish Tehiya if its actions are crucial in advancing the election date," Shamir said. "A loss for Tehiya will mean a loss for the national camp as a whole, thus paving the way for the Alignment."

"The Alignment has no difficulty funding an election. Foreign governments and affiliated socialist parties abroad will furnish Labour leader Shimon Peres all the money he asks for in order to cover his election expenses," said Shamir.

Kol Yisrael yesterday quoted unnamed Alignment ministers as saying that they would torpedo the Shamir settlement plan by insisting that it needs the approval of the inner cabinet, where the Likud and the Alignment are equally matched.

But Yosef Alimeir, the prime minister's spokesman, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The two new settlements got their green light long ago, and dedication ceremonies were even held there. There is nothing to bring up at all."

Head of Soviet delegation to change

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — The head of the visiting Soviet consular delegation, Yevgeny Antipov, is to return to Moscow shortly, and will be replaced by another consular official.

The Associated Press quoted Antipov as saying he would go back in 10 days with another delegate, presumed to be Alexei Chestyakov.

But Alexander Onya, another member of the delegation, said last night that no date had been set. "Anything could happen," Onya said, indicating that additional delegation members might depart as well.

Antipov did not give the reasons for the recall. But he denied that he would be replaced by higher-level consular or diplomatic officials with a broader mandate.

Antipov also denied that any of the eight Soviet delegates were KGB agents. "No, no. This is silly," he said.

Reports of KGB involvement in the delegation have mentioned Vladimir Kruglyakov, described by the Soviets as "a first secretary" in the Foreign Ministry.

A 1974 book by former CIA agent John Barron, *The KGB - The Secret Work of Soviet Agents*, lists Kruglyakov as a KGB agent who was expelled from Belgium in 1971.

Asked if Kruglyakov was assigned to Belgium during that time, Onya avoided the question, saying, "He served in Europe. I didn't get interested in this matter."

Onya added that they had no immediate plans to leave Tel Aviv. Hilton despite the reported anti-Soviet demonstrations.

He noted, however, that they had rented an apartment upstairs from the Finnish Embassy which takes care of Soviet interests in Israel. Extra space was needed to handle the number of Soviet citizens requesting visas to either visit or return to the USSR, Onya said.

A delegation member said that about 200 Soviet citizens and immigrants to Israel had been interviewed, of whom about 40 wanted to emigrate. On Friday, more than 100 people stood in a queue at the delegation's north Tel Aviv office.

Referring to the vigils and demonstrations by the World Union of Jewish Students and The 35s, a women's movement for Soviet Jewry, Onya said: "It's no problem for us. We don't pay any attention to this."

On Friday morning, for the second time last week, five activists from The 35s prevented a car carrying delegation members from leaving the Hilton by lying down in the middle of the road. The activists wore striped prison uniforms, skull caps to make them look bald and make-up to give them black eyes.

Austrian couple named as Righteous Gentiles

Dr. Artur and Mrs. Maria Lanc from Gmunden, Austria, were honored at Yad Vashem as "righteous gentiles" on Thursday in a ceremony in which an olive tree was planted in their name.

In early 1945 the couple hid three Hungarian Jews in their home in Lower Austria and thus saved their lives at the risk of their own.

Air Force pilot cadets, who participated in the final leave-taking ceremony of outgoing Air Force commander Aluf Amos Lapidot last week, form the word Shalom at their Air Force base parade ground.

Israel rejects EC plea on W. Bank produce

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There is unlikely to be any change of Israel's position on not allowing direct exports of agricultural produce from the West Bank and Gaza to Western Europe, sources in Jerusalem said yesterday.

Last Thursday the Danish charge d'affaires in Tel Aviv, Albert Wright, protested to Jerusalem, in the name of the EC, about Israel's refusal to allow such exports. The Danes currently hold the presidency of the EC's council of ministers.

The sources explained that such exports could undermine Israel's exports as many fruits and vegetables sold abroad by Israel are also grown in the territories. Israeli officials also fear that if such exports were allowed, Israeli growers would illegally start to market their produce through the territories rather than through the official marketing boards, as they must do today.

Fruit and vegetable growers in the territories currently also market through the government marketing boards (Agrexco, the Citrus Marketing Board, etc.) but would prefer to export directly, with a saving of various costs and taxes and without being subject to Israeli-imposed quotas.

An inter-departmental committee set up by Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin is to discuss the EC protests and the Arab growers' demands in the coming weeks.

Foreign Ministry sources said the

ministry was "torn" between the need to "maintain our cordial relations with the EC" and the need to "protect our agricultural exports."

The Agriculture and Trade and Industry Ministries are unlikely to prevail, leaving the status quo intact. **David Horowitz adds from London:** The European Community is to distribute some \$3 million in aid directly to the Palestinian population of the West Bank and Gaza Strip this year.

Under a new programme agreed by EC ministers in Brussels it was decided to end the channelling of aid via third parties such as Jordan, and instead to distribute funds directly to seven Palestinian-run projects in the territories.

Among the projects specified are: an agricultural and vocational training centre in Jericho run by the Arab Development Society; the Hebron Technical Engineering College; and the Palestinian health-care charity, the Welfare Association.

An EC grant is also to be made towards the refurbishment of the Bethlehem Hospital of the Holy Family.

The \$3m. in aid for the coming year represents a marked increase on past EC assistance in the territories, and the ministers announced plans to grant a further \$7m. over the next seven years.

This year's programme is due to be formally approved by the EC Commission this week, and the funds will be made available almost immediately.

IDF names new attaches

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The IDF will soon appoint new attaches in London, Paris and Tokyo, a well-placed military source said last week.

Tat-Aluf Menahem Mayara, who recently headed the officers' personnel administration, goes to Britain to replace Tat-Aluf Ya'acov Even.

Aluf-Mishne Ya'acov Neriah-Reinisch goes to France to replace Tat-Aluf David Gedajia.

Tat-Aluf Yuval Dalio, deputy head of the Quartermaster Branch, has been assigned to Japan to replace Aluf-Mishne David Yitzhak. The three attaches completing their tours of duty will leave the IDF.

Five arrested for safe-deposit heist

Five persons suspected of breaking into the Bank Hapoalim safe deposit stronghold in Jerusalem two-and-a-half years ago were arrested by the police yesterday.

All of the suspects had previously been detained but were released for lack of evidence, Israel Radio reported.

Police detained two of the suspects at a luxury hotel in Eilat and another two were arrested in Jerusalem, the report said.

Nissim wants Lavi project stopped now

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim said on Friday that the Lavi warplane project should be halted immediately.

At a joint meeting in Tel Aviv of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and the Finance Committee, Nissim said the money earmarked for the Lavi should be used to finance the development of other vital weapons projects which the Israel Defence Forces were demanding.

Nissim deplored the proposal for compulsory or voluntary loans to raise money for the Lavi's development. "I would not want to increase the country's massive national debt because of the plane," he said.

Four MK yordim get full benefits

Knesset Speaker Shimon Hillel has been asked to establish clear rules on the benefits being paid to four former Knesset Members who have left the country as yordim.

The application to the Speaker came from Yossi Kritchek, who is in charge of preventing yordim in the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. He wrote to Hillel in the wake of a Kol Yisrael radio broadcast last week revealing that there were four yordim among the former MKs who were continuing to benefit from the full payments made to former MKs. (Itim)

Jerusalem hotel sold for \$7.7m.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kings Hotel, one of the veteran hostels of Jerusalem, has been sold to an American investor. The Jerusalem local weekly publication *Kol Ha-ir* reported last Friday that the property had cost the new owner, Henry Moskowitz of New York, around \$15 million.

The *Jerusalem Post* has since learned that the actual figure was just over half that sum. The 214-bedrooms facility passed into Moskowitz's hands in exchange for \$7,750,000, said his lawyer Arye Pinchuk.

Pinchuk denied all knowledge of information contained in the *Kol Ha-ir* report to the effect that the hotel will become an ultra-orthodox establishment run along similar lines to that of the Central Hotel, owned by Agudat Yisrael Knesset Member Menahem Porush.

Pinchuk was equally unaware of any intentions by his client to build a swimming pool which would be used separately by men and women.

Summer workshops on Jewish civilization

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Scholars from 25 countries and five continents are now in Jerusalem participating in the Summer 1987 Workshops of the International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish civilization.

There are 180 participants, many of them not Jewish. All are interested in introducing aspects of Jewish studies into their university-level courses: history, political science, sociology, literature, theology, linguistics, or philosophy.

The object of the centre is to inject Jewish civilization into the general university curriculum. It exposes university faculty members to these subjects and publishes selected syllabi to make it easier to plan courses, mini-courses, or units dealing with Jewish studies.

Already published are syllabi for Jewish Political Tradition, Teaching Modern Hebrew Literature in English Translation, and Contemporary Jewish History.

The workshops will continue through July 22.

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U.S. navy to start escorting Kuwaiti Gulf tankers

KUWAIT (Reuters). — The U.S. is to begin naval protection for Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf Wednesday as originally planned, shipping sources in the region said yesterday.

They said there had been no change in plans so far to hoist the U.S. flag on two Kuwaiti tankers off the United Arab Emirates (UAE) coast on Tuesday and sail them into the Gulf the following day.

The U.S. has agreed to re-register 11 Kuwaiti tankers under the American flag to protect them from attack. Iran has stepped up strikes on shipping associated with Kuwait in retaliation for the northern Gulf emirate's support for Teheran's enemy Iraq.

The two tankers were identified by the sources as the 401,382-ton crude oil carrier Bridgeton and the 43,604-ton Gas Prince.

The U.S. Coast Guard announced Friday it had completed registration formalities for the two ships, formerly known as the Al-Rekkah and the Gas al-Minagish, respectively.

U.S. Congressmen said on Thursday the start of the operation might have to be delayed because of the disclosure of its scheduled July 22 starting date, but the Gulf sources said everything was proceeding on schedule.

The U.S. Navy has assembled an armada of 15 warships and more than 50 carrier-based fighters and bombers to protect the tankers.

A possible obstacle to the operation has been the presence of 10 to 12 mines in and around the channel leading to Kuwait's main oil export terminal at Mina al-Ahmadi.

The shipping sources said the mines, old Soviet models

likely to have been laid by Iran, were now being detonated by the Kuwaiti navy with Saudi Arabian and U.S. help. The mines did not represent a great danger to shipping, they added, since their positions had been identified.

In Washington, Friday, President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called for the UN secretary-general to undertake a personal mission to end the Iran-Iraq war.

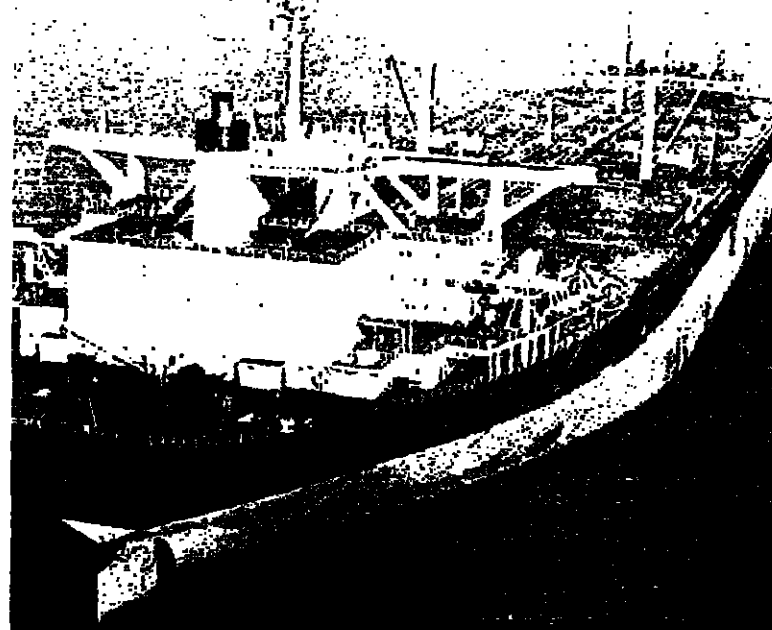
At the end of a two-hour meeting with Thatcher, Reagan told reporters: "If either or both of the warring parties should refuse the UN call for a cessation of the fighting, an arms embargo should be brought to bear on those who reject this chance to end this bloody and senseless conflict."

Thatcher said she and Reagan paid particular attention in their talks on the Iran-Iraq war, although arms control and trade protectionism were also discussed.

On Friday, Iran and the Soviet Union accused the U.S. of aggravating the Gulf crisis by building up its naval presence in the region, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Soviet President Andrei Gromyko and visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Larijani agreed that the "aggravation of the situation (in the Gulf) is a result of a buildup by Washington of its military presence off the shores of Iran, Iraq and other Arab states," Tass said.

Gromyko, who in the past has had sharp words for Iran about the protraction of its seven-year-old war with Iraq, also pointed out the direct connection between the conflict and the tense situation in the Gulf, the agency said.



The 401,000-ton Kuwaiti tanker renamed the 'Bridgeton' lies at anchor near the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. The Bridgeton is one of the 11 Kuwaiti tankers due to fly the American flag and to receive U.S. protection in the Gulf, where neutral shipping has been repeatedly attacked by Iran and Iraq. (Reuters telephoto)

Security Council meets today to demand Gulf ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The Security Council agreed Friday to meet tomorrow to adopt a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and the withdrawal of all forces to the internationally recognized boundaries.

Council sources said they thought it would be approved unanimously.

Prior to tomorrow's meeting, council members will hold a final round of closed-door consultations.

The resolution, hammered out in months of private negotiations, demands that Iran and Iraq observe an immediate ceasefire, as a first step towards a negotiated settlement of the conflict, now in its seventh year.

It calls on the two belligerents to discontinue all military actions on land, at sea and in the air.

A West German Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday in Bonn that Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher plans to go to New York for the council meeting.

He said the council was "99.9 per cent certain" to convene, after weeks of haggling over a draft text which would not be rejected out of hand by Iran.

Washington, seeking a UN resolution on the Gulf ahead of its reflagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers, has lobbied for a high-level attendance at the meeting, diplomatic sources said.

The first Kuwaiti ship to fly the American flag is due to sail through the Strait of Hormuz this week.

Secretary of State George Shultz said he will personally head the U.S. delegation. Apart from Genscher, the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Italy were expected to attend the meeting, diplomatic sources in Bonn said.

West Germany is currently one of the 10 non-permanent members of the council.

A special commission would be formed to deal with reparations and war damage claims.

No sanctions would be introduced if either Iran or Iraq failed to abide by the first mandatory ceasefire call since the Gulf war began, the sources said.

Iraq has declared its willingness for a ceasefire, but Iran has opposed it and is not expected to obey a mandatory resolution, they added.

Ghorbanifar says he was never a Mossad agent

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The Iranian arms salesman, Manucher Ghorbanifar, denied allegations that he was an Israeli intelligence agent in an appearance Thursday night on a popular American television interview programme.

On ABC's Nightline, Ghorbanifar, interviewed by satellite in London, responded to the assertion by Col. Oliver North in the Irangate hearings that he was working for the Mossad by saying snuffily, "I wish I was. Col. North has to accuse me of everything to save his own neck."

Ghorbanifar, who flunked three lie detector tests and has been vilified in the U.S. as a liar and profiteer, also denied bribing North in January 1986 to continue the covert operation of selling arms to Iran, as the latter has charged.

"I did not need to bribe Col. North, because he was trying to bribe me," said the Iranian. He claimed that North wanted the operation to continue primarily because of his interest in diverting profits from the sale to support the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

After the interview, ABC's Barbara Walters read excerpts from an 18-page "confession" that Ghorbanifar had read to her in Monte Carlo last December in which he said he feared for his own life.

Cape Town police tear-gas funeral

Black unionists call for sanctions at any price

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP). — The country's largest trade union federation called yesterday for complete isolation of South Africa, even if it means the shutdown of factories and unemployment of black workers.

In Cape Town, police fired tear-gas and tore the flag of the banned African National Congress off a coffin yesterday in a clash with blacks who turned the funeral of an accused ANC guerrilla into an act of political defiance.

The riot squad moved in after organizers of the funeral of 22-year-old Ashley Kriel broke government restrictions limiting the congregation to 800, barring political speeches and outlawing the display of banners such as the ANC flag.

Kriel, a South African of mixed racial background, died last week in a scuffle with police who went to his home in Bonteheuwel township near Cape Town, alleging that the ANC had trained him in Angola and sent him back into the country as a guerrilla.

"We must employ comprehensive measures to end this regime and then start rebuilding a democratic society," said Frank Mentjies, press officer for the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

S. Korea typhoon toll may top 350

SEOUL, South Korea (AP). — Navy and Coast Guard ships began calling off searches yesterday for more than 150 fishermen and sailors feared drowned by Typhoon Thelma. The government said 111 people were confirmed dead and 257 others were missing.

Government officials in Seoul said searches for missing seamen had been called off in many areas because there was no chance any survivors were still alive after three days in the sea.

But ships were still hunting in some areas, including around Hong Do island off the southwest coast, where more than 60 local fishermen were missing. More than 100 other boats of varying size were sunk by the huge storm that hit the southern coast Thursday.

China opens reception centre for Taiwanese

BEIJING (AFP). — China has opened a reception centre for Taiwanese fishermen seeking shelter from typhoons and "compatriots" who have come to the mainland to visit, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said yesterday.

NCNA said a reception centre had been opened in the tiny island county of Nan'ao, a native area of many Taiwanese residents, in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong. Nan'ao is 160 nautical miles from Gaoxiang in Taiwan.

More than 1,500 Taiwanese have returned to Nan'ao to see relatives and friends since 1984, and about 250 Taiwanese fishing vessels have sought shelter from typhoons and repairs there during the same period, NCNA said.

E. Germany abolishes death penalty

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — East German leader Erich Honecker, in a major concession before his path-breaking visit to West Germany, has decreed an amnesty for most prisoners and abolished the death penalty.

The decision, relayed Friday night by the official ADN news agency, was sure to deflect West German criticism of the Communist state's human rights record when Honecker visits Bonn in September, the first trip there by an East German head of state.

The broadly-worded amnesty, also broadcast on state television, stipulated that prisoners would be released for all but the most serious crimes with effect from October. Excluded were: convicted Nazis, war criminals, spies, murderers and those deemed to have committed crimes against humanity.

Portuguese Social Democrats favoured in poll

LISBON, Portugal (AP). — Polls published yesterday put Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva's Social Democrats within reach of securing Portugal's first single-party majority in 13 years in parliamentary elections set for today.

According to the polls, published in the Lisbon weeklies *Semana* and *Expresso*, the Social Democrat Party (PSD) will win 41 to 44 per cent of the tally when the country's 8 million registered voters cast ballots in the sixth parliamentary election in 11 years.

Under Portugal's proportional election system, the Social Democrats could require as little as 42.6 per cent of the total votes cast to capture 126 seats in the 250-seat parliament.

Syria, Turkey sign security, economic pacts

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria and Turkey signed economic and security cooperation protocols Friday aimed at ending disputes over border encroachments and the waters of the Euphrates River.

The official Syrian news agency Sana said the protocols were signed by Syrian Prime Minister Abdel-Rauuf al-Kasbi and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, who later left for home after a three day official visit.

U.S. jails Dutchman for weapons

SEATTLE (AP). — A Dutch citizen convicted in federal court of conspiring to sell U.S. military equipment to China and Iran has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and given a \$250,000 fine.

Johannes Nootenboom, 46, was convicted last May of conspiring to sell Navy torpedoes to China and U.S.-made Hawk missile radar tubes to Iran. He was also convicted of trying to export a classified manual on the torpedoes.

He will not qualify for parole until at least one-third of his term has been served.

White House contests Poindexter view

Reagan would have okayed Contra deal, says ex-adviser

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The White House, facing a delicate new stage in the Iran-Contra affair, has challenged the testimony of former National Security adviser John Poindexter.

Poindexter, who said he never told President Reagan of the diversion of the Iran arms sales proceeds to Nicaraguan rebels in order to shield him from political controversy, appeared to rebut White House denials that Reagan would have approved the diversion had he known about it.

White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker insisted Reagan "simply would have stopped" the diversion had he known about it. He was referring to Poindexter's statement that he believed the President would have approved the decision.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater responded that Reagan had been done a "diservice" in not being told.

On Friday, Poindexter, a Navy rear-admiral, suggested this White House statement was false in reply to questions by House of Representatives Republican counsel Richard

Leon. Leon said: "The president, admiral, has indicated...that he would not have authorized it. He has said that."

"I understand that he said that, and I would have expected him to say that. That's the whole idea of deniability," Poindexter replied.

Poindexter, who returns to the witness table for a fourth day of testimony tomorrow, has said his motive in keeping the diversion to himself was to give Reagan "some future deniability" that would protect him from "political damage."

"I have not changed my mind," Poindexter said when pressed Friday by Senator Sam Nunn, a Democrat. "I felt that the president would approve that if I had asked him. I still feel that way."

Nunn asked if this meant the White House with its current denials "is now misleading the American people?"

After consulting his lawyer, Richard Beckler, seated beside him, Poindexter replied: "I can't speak for the White House. I don't know what they have in mind over there."

Briton, jailed for Larnaca murders, homesick

By DAVID HOROVITZ, Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — The Briton jailed for life in Cyprus for the murder of three Israelis on their yacht at Larnaca in October 1985 has asked to be transferred to a prison in the UK.

Cypriot authorities are understood to have agreed to 28-year-old Ian Davidson's request, but Home Secretary Douglas Hurd is unlikely to allow Davidson to serve the rest of his sentence here.

The request is under consideration, but the Home Office has stated that there are "compelling reasons" for it to be turned down, notably Britain's vigorous opposition to concessions of any kind to terrorists.

Davidson was sentenced to life imprisonment along with two PLO members by a Nicosia court in December, 1985. All three admitted shooting the Israeli civilians, and Davidson told the court: "I was happy about what I did. I would gladly do it again. Everyone must fight for Palestinian rights."

Man fires shotgun at £5m. da Vinci

LONDON (Reuters). — Art experts yesterday were assessing the damage to a priceless charcoal drawing by Leonardo da Vinci after a man fired at it with a sawn-off shotgun in London's National Gallery.

Gallery director Neil MacGregor said the museum's restoration team was carrying out a detailed scientific examination of the fragile painting, a cartoon completed in 1500 which depicts the Virgin Mary with her child, St. Anne and John the Baptist.

Police were questioning a man in his late 30s in connection with the attack, which occurred just five minutes before the gallery was due to close Friday night. He was expected to be charged yesterday.

The man, dressed in a leather jacket decorated with chains, entered the empty room where the painting was hung, drew a single-barrelled shotgun from his jacket, shot at the drawing, then sat down in a chair in the room and waited silently for security men to arrive, they said.

The drawing, which is valued at £5 million, had previously been attacked when a German painter threw a bottle of ink at it in 1962.

410 million over-65s by end of century

World's elderly grow at unprecedented rate

WASHINGTON (AP). — The number of elderly people in the world is growing at an unprecedented rate, posing major questions for society in the future, the U.S. census bureau reported last week. In fact, the growth of this age group is much faster than that of the global population as a whole.

Presently, 23 nations have more than 2 million residents aged 65 and over. By the year 2025 that number is expected to grow to 50 nations, according to a census study.

"Rapidly expanding numbers of older people represent a social phenomenon without historical precedent, and one that is bound to alter previously held stereotypes of older persons," said the directors of the study.

The growth of the number of elderly "is an extraordinary testimony to the improvement of our lives," they said, noting that better health care has helped extend human lifespans.

But, they add: "The growth of older populations poses a considerable challenge to public policy...."

The number of people worldwide aged 65 and over is growing at 2.4 per cent annually, much faster than the global population as a whole. This group is expected to grow from 290 million people currently to 410 million by the year 2000, the study said.

The world's population, which demographers say has just topped the 5 billion mark, is growing by an estimated 1.7 per cent annually.

In many nations, the study said, the elderly population is itself growing older, because of higher rates of increase of people aged 75 and over. Indeed, people aged 80 and over constitute 14 per cent of the world's

elderly today and in many nations these people could constitute the fastest growing segment of the elderly through the middle of the next century, the report said.

"The stunning growth of the elderly population has various economic implications for individuals, families and public policymakers and planners throughout the world, particularly in terms of meeting the relatively greater health needs of the older population," it observed.

"All countries of the world will require enormous investments just to maintain current levels of health services," the study added.

While the study did not detail the elderly populations of every nation, it singled out several for mention.

Sweden, it noted, with 17 per cent of its population 65 and over in 1985, has the largest share of elderly of any major country. That is about the same proportion of elderly as in the population of Florida, a favourite retirement place.

"The speed of Japan's aging is almost breathtaking." It will take only 26 years for Japan to double its proportion of elderly from 7 per cent to 14 per cent, compared with 66 years for the U.S.

Japan's life expectancy of 77 years is the highest of the world's developed nations. Other nations with longer life expectancies than the U.S.'s 74.6 average include Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Italy, Canada, Australia, Hongkong and Israel.

Women outlive men in virtually every nation, resulting in the prospect of ever more elderly widows in the world. In developed nations, as many as 70 per cent of people aged 80 and over are female.

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Evidence mounts that war criminals live quietly in UK

Nazi hunters battle the British

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — There has never been a Nazi war crimes trial in Britain, and no alleged Nazi war criminal has ever been investigated by the British government.

Yet the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC) last year compiled a list of 17 alleged Nazi war criminals who fled to Britain after World War II. The British authorities have named a further 34 alleged war criminals in Britain, and the Polish government has information suggesting that as many as 5,200 alleged Nazi war criminals fled to Britain in the aftermath of the war.

Britain's reluctance to investigate alleged Nazis living here—in marked contrast to the actions of the Canadian and American governments—has led many to describe Britain as "a safe haven" for Nazi war criminals.

At a meeting with members of the Los Angeles-based SWC in London last March, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd was given considerable information on the 17 alleged Nazis believed to be living in Britain. Further investigation confirmed that nine of those named—including Antanas Gecas—were still alive.

The SWC asked Hurd to investigate how these people got into Britain after the war, to interview them, collect testimony against them, and, if necessary, bring them to trial.

The SWC decided to focus first on

Gecas since his name had been published in the British press and the allegations against him were particularly damning.

They were helped by Scottish Television reporter Bob Tomlinson, who spent six weeks in the Soviet Union interviewing eye-witnesses to Gecas's alleged crimes.

The result was a 1,100-page dossier, handed in to the Home Office on Friday. The SWC hopes that Hurd will now no longer be able to dismiss the case against Gecas as flimsy.

The eye-witness testimony comes mainly from members of Gecas's own unit, the 12th Lithuanian Police Battalion, formed after the German invasion of Lithuania by local civilians prepared to cooperate with the Nazis.

One eye-witness, Juozas Aleksynas, now a pensioner living in Lithuania, says he served with "Sub-Lieutenant Gecevicus," as Gecas was then named. (Gecas has himself admitted to changing his name after the war.)

Aleksynas talks of two mass shootings carried out by the battalion in and around Minsk in 1941. "On both occasions the people shot were Jews from the Minsk ghetto," he says.

Aleksynas describes how the condemned were "driven out of the ghetto by our soldiers" to the place of execution, "an area of uneven ground where several large pits had

been dug." They were ordered to lie down and were shot.

Aleksynas reports that Gecevicus commanded his soldiers to line up the condemned by the pits and shoot them, and that "Gecevicus, together with the other officers, would go into the pit and finish off those victims still living."

Eye-witnesses who have since died have also testified in the past to Gecas's activities, notably Juozas Knyrinas, a sergeant under Gecas who served 10 years in prison for his part in the battalion's war crimes. At a 1962 trial in the Soviet Union, Knyrinas described the Minsk killings, and spoke of Gecas giving the order to fire.

The Prosecutor General's Office in Moscow is still collecting further evidence against Gecas, but it has come to realize that extradition requests to the British government are futile.

For 15 years, the office wrote regularly to the British government to request the extradition of Kiril Zvarich, to face trial on charges of murdering over 100 people in the Ukraine during the German occupation.

The British government never acknowledged the Soviet requests, did not investigate Zvarich, and did not even examine his application for British citizenship. Zvarich died of natural causes in 1984.

When Gecas's name was first made public, he consented to a tele-

vision interview, in which he charged that the Soviet Union had fabricated the allegations against him.

"I am innocent of all crimes," he said repeatedly. He admitted witnessing the mass murders committed by his battalion, but insisted that "I remained stationary... We were on parade."

Gecas refused to be interviewed a second time, however, for the Scottish Television documentary to be screened here this week.

Following the screening, MP Greville Janner, of the All-Party War Crimes Group, plans to demand in the House of Commons that the British government take action to bring Gecas to justice.

Janner on Friday castigated the British government record on Nazi war criminals, charging that Britain refused to supply documentary evidence against Klaus Barbie, and that documents concerning Kurt Waldheim's war-time activities "have mysteriously disappeared from the Public Records Office."

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday, Rabbi Marvin Hier of the SWC rejected Gecas's charge that Soviet evidence is unreliable. He pointed out that American and West German war crimes investigators have gone on record to state that no Soviet evidence on Nazi criminals has ever proved false.

West German Justice Minister Hans Eichel confirmed this in a statement last month, Hier said.



A first birthday five times over for the Keren family of Petah Tikva. Assaf, Meidad, Shimrit, Dorit and Sarit celebrated the big event last week with their parents and Mayor Dov Tavori and his wife. (M. Daniel/Media)

Preferential trade status denied

U.S. Senate ignores efforts of Jewish lobby for Romania

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
WASHINGTON. — For the second time in a month, Jewish groups have failed in an attempt to win preferential trade status from Romania, and this time Jewish leaders are more pessimistic than before that the status will be restored in six months' time.

Israel was said to have helped in the abortive lobby bid.

A Senate vote, which would have effectively revoked last month's suspension, was rejected by 54 votes to 46.

Jewish groups have been supportive of Romania, considered to be one of the most domestically repressive countries in the Eastern Bloc, because it has allowed about 1,200 Jews to emigrate annually, many of them to Israel. Romania is said to have a total Jewish population of only about 20,000.

Most Favoured Nation (MFN) trade status is enjoyed by almost all U.S. trade partners, with the exception of a few communist states, most notably the Soviet Union.

No Jewish group wished to specu-

late on the impact of the defeat of this measure on Romanian Jewry. Jews have been a major lobbying force for Romania, which is widely disliked for its persecution of Christian groups and for other human rights violations.

After the vote, Sen. Armstrong said, "This is the second time in the last few weeks that the Senate has voted to uphold basic standards of human rights with a Romanian regime unworthy of special trading status with the U.S."

Neil Sedaka here on visit

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Considering the history of hostility between Greece and Turkey, it was somewhat strange that the Greek government should invite an American entertainer of Turkish extraction to make a film to promote American tourism to Greece.

What was stranger still, was that the Jewish entertainer in question was not snapped up by the Israeli tourist authorities to help encourage American travellers to include Israel in their itineraries.

Neil Sedaka, 48, arrived here on Friday on a private visit with his wife Leba.

Sedaka ("charity" in Hebrew), whose grandparents migrated from Istanbul to New York in 1910, was a child prodigy, whose professional career began 34 years ago. In that time, he has written more than 1,000 songs. He was at the peak of his career in the 1960s. His popularity waned towards the end of the de-



Neil Sedaka (Dan Landau)
cade, but he made a successful comeback in 1975 and has been in demand ever since.

This is his third visit to Israel. He was first brought here in 1965 by the legendary impresario, the late Giora Godik.

Asked whether he would be interested in making a film to promote tourism to Israel, Sedaka said that he would love to.

Israel Shipyard workers return to work today

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The 450 workers of the bankrupt Israel Shipyard are to return to work this morning after their two-week annual holiday and will be expected to work harder.

The works' committee is to convene a meeting this morning to explain a new labour contract to workers and urge them to put an extra effort to make the money-losing government enterprise profitable.

The U.S. Sixth Fleet has promised to provide repair work on some of its vessels, but only if assured there will be no hold-ups.

The new contract, signed last week under pressure of a threat to put the yard into receivership, does not fully satisfy the workers, but they realize that the alternative may be a closure or further reduction of the work force, already down to almost one-third of what it used to be in the yard's heyday.

MDA issues guidelines to save drowning victims

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter
A drowning victim usually swallows a large amount of water which goes directly to his stomach but not into his lungs, according to Magen David Adom (MDA), which has issued guidelines for resuscitation in such cases.

The instructions are timely because of the large number of drownings reported in recent weeks.

MDA says that time should not be wasted trying to remove water from the lungs, where little liquid enters because of the constriction of the windpipe. But large amounts of water and other material do enter the digestive system. They should be removed by rolling the patient on his side and pumping the stomach.

If you are not a good swimmer, you should not try to save a drowning person as there may be two fatalities instead of one, says MDA.

First-aid should be given as soon as the victim is reached in the water. If he has lost consciousness, turn him on his back in the water and try to clear his air passages. If he doesn't start breathing, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be administered immediately.

When he reaches the shore, cardiac massage should be started immediately if the victim has no pulse. Even if the victim's breathing and heartbeat are restored, he should be brought to a hospital or MDA station immediately, because complications can develop later.

Even good swimmers can drown if they have not properly assessed their ability to cover distances. Because of panic and exhaustion, they do not always realize they should float.

Medical problems like a heart or epilepsy attack, or muscle cramps, can also cause drowning.

Austrian bishops take stand on anti-Semitism

By ILONA HENRY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
VIENNA. — In reaction to a recent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in Austria, the Bishops' Conference on Friday issued a formal condemnation of anti-Semitism and assured Jewish citizens of support and solidarity.

Bishop Karl Berg of Salzburg, head of the Austrian Bishops' Conference, expressed deep concern and sorrow about recent developments.

"We are distressed that a latent anti-Semitism still exists in Austria, even if we talk only about a small group of Austrian citizens," Berg said.

"Even a small minority can burden itself with a great sin. No kind of

anti-Semitism may arise from Christian motives," Berg said, referring to the letter written by Carl Hoeldl, vice-mayor of Linz, to World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman, comparing the WJC campaign against Waldheim "to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ."

"We should not hear these alarming signs in our country. The Austrian bishops side in solidarity with their Jewish fellow-citizens and will firmly protect them from generalizing polemics, hatred, prejudice and molestation. We condemn these generalizations as we voiced our dismay and concern over the generalizing blame put on our President Kurt Waldheim last year," the Bishops' Conference said.

Magnetic treatment holds promise in leukemia cases

By JUDY SIEGEL, Post Science and Health Reporter
Researchers in Jerusalem are developing an experimental treatment for leukemia that in the laboratory succeeds in removing cancerous cells from bone marrow by attaching tiny metal particles to them and then extracting them with a magnet.

The procedure, developed for the first time at Hadassah-University Hospital, was explained yesterday to Science and Development Minister Gideon Ratt during a visit to its new bone-marrow department. It has worked well in the lab, and if the procedure is approved by the authorities for use on humans, it will be tried on human leukemia patients.

In the new technique, the tiny metal particles are attached to cancer cells that remain after chemotherapy but before radiation treatment. The bone marrow is thus purified of cancer cells, leaving normal cells. If it works in humans, a patient can have some of his own cancer-free bone marrow removed and frozen in liquid nitrogen, and then receive a transplant from his cells after radiation, which destroys living cells.

Irangate shadow falls on plans of ex-CoS to study in U.S.

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
TEL AVIV. — Former chief-of-general-staff Moshe Levy has said that he is still hoping to go to Washington this year to study, even though Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has advised him to keep out of the U.S. because of possible complications arising from the Pollard affair.

Reached at his home in Kibbutz Beit Alfa, Levy said he had not yet made arrangements with a specific institution.

He had been advised to stay away because the U.S. authorities could not guarantee him immunity from questioning by the special investigator examining the Pollard spy scandal.

Earlier, former Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche had

been served a subpoena when he arrived in the U.S. He was permitted to leave only after high-level intervention and after appearing before a U.S. judge.

Levy could face similar problems. The Pollard affair came to light when he was CoS. (Pollard, a former U.S. Navy Intelligence analyst, was sentenced to life for spying for Israel.)

Levy is clearly hoping the U.S. and Israel will work out an agreement to make possible his stay in the U.S. He told *The Jerusalem Post* that the matter was being taken care of since the problem was one of "principle": whether the U.S. authorities can question an Israeli official about his activities in office.

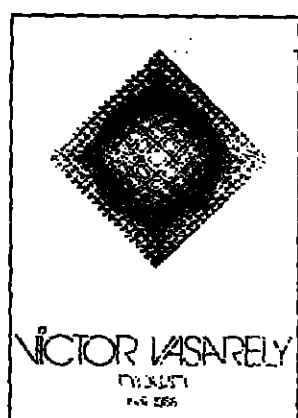
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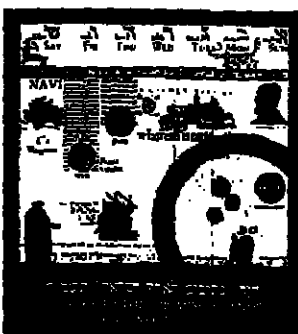
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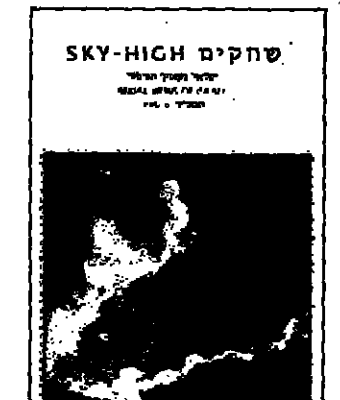
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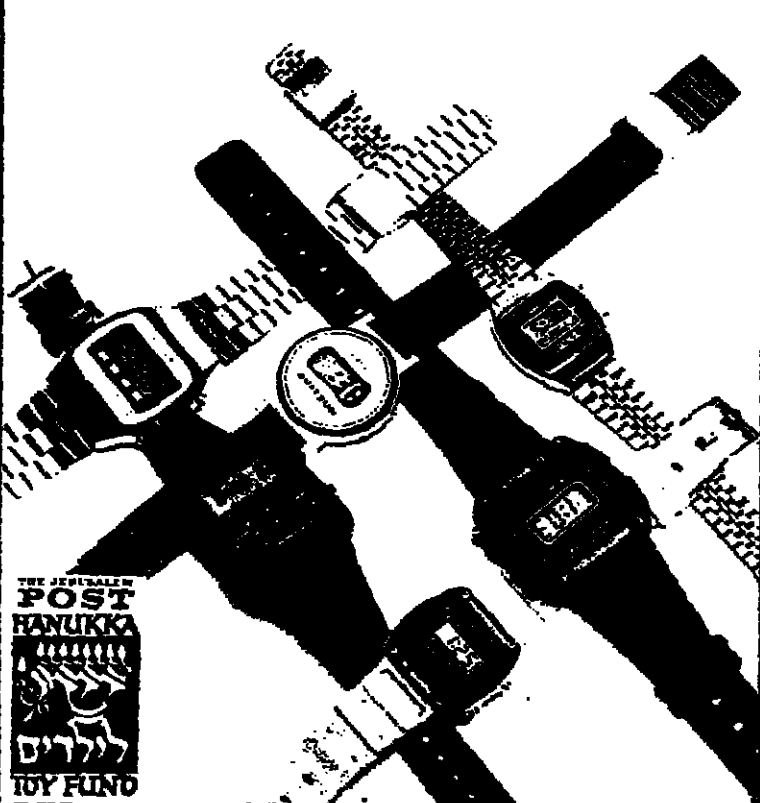
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Speaking of inflation...

MANAGUA (Reuters). — For the discriminating diner in Managua, an essential accessory these inflationary days is a sturdy shoulder bag to hold bricks of 1,000-cordoba notes, the highest in circulation.

Dinner for four in one of the Nicaraguan capital's better restaurants can easily come to a quarter of a million cordobas (\$35) or a stack of banknotes six cm. high, weighing more than one-quarter kg. A year ago, the same dinner cost around 20,000 cordobas.

At the black market exchange rate, 1,000 cordobas are 14 U.S. cents, and at the officially-sanctioned parallel rate, 22 cents. Dining out, even on fresh lobster, is a bargain for many western visitors.

But few Nicaraguans can afford such luxuries: the minimum pay is \$7.50 a month. Their buying power has been eroded by inflation running at between 600 and 1,400 per cent, depending on who does the calculating.

The explosive inflation — 22.2 per cent in 1982, 32.9 in 1983, 50.2 in 1984, 250 in 1985, 657 per cent in 1986 — is one of the most visible economic results of five years of war between the government and the U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

Paper money now has so little value that one economist told a recent radio show that citizens could save by using bank notes instead of wallpaper in their homes.

Coins have virtually disappeared. Enterprising mechanics fashion them into washers, which if bought in a shop would cost hundreds of times the face value of coins. Public telephones, operating on one-cordoba pieces, are rarely used.

"This is going to be a primitive economy. The use of money will disappear and people will resort to barter trading," said Jaime Bengochea, a leading figure in the higher Council of Private Enterprise (Cosep).

Cosep, a persistent critic of the left-wing government's economic policies, estimates that inflation this year will top 1,400 per cent — the highest rate in Latin America.

That is still a far cry from the 40,000 per cent inflation that ravaged Bolivia in 1985, but on payday, the scenes in Managua banks recall Bolivia: businessmen drawing cash for their payrolls bring suitcases and boxes to transport the money.

Inflation causes complaints but the Sandinista government seems to have little hope of curbing it while the war goes on.

"We must learn to live with inflation," Deputy Planning Minister Ligia Elizondo told Reuters. "The



Angry Nicaraguans display bills of 500 and 1,000 cordobas as they protest the decree by the ruling junta to deposit their largest denomination cordoba bills to banks. (UPI)

determining cause of inflation is the war imposed on us. What we are trying to do is develop mechanisms to administer inflation... we hope we will get it down to 600 per cent this year, a little less than last year."

Experts of Cosep, which blames incompetence as much as the war for Nicaragua's economic problems, are convinced the government has not the slightest hope of achieving its aim.

More than half the national budget is spent on the war and President Daniel Ortega lamented recently that the government had to finance defence by printing money which is not backed by production.

As the war dragged on, the Sandinistas introduced a long string of austerity measures, with many goods rationed. In the capital, even water is cut off two days a week.

The Contras have failed to reach their key military goals in the past five years and are now concentrating on hitting economic targets.

"The critical test looming for Managua is the battle for the economy," the Washington-based Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a liberal think-tank, said in a recent analysis.

"Having virtually come to the conclusion that the Contras cannot achieve a significant military victory... the U.S. Administration is pin-

ning its hopes on ousting the regime on a hunger and misery campaign aimed at creating sufficient discontent and disaffection to undermine popular support for the Sandinistas," it added.

Foreign diplomats here doubt this strategy can succeed, even if the U.S. Congress agrees to more aid to the Contras.

"The Contras campaign to wreck the economy will increase misery and hardship here," said a western ambassador. "But it won't bring the Sandinistas down and it won't make the country collapse. Unlike bankrupt companies, countries do not collapse."

Diplomats here say the Reagan administration's hard-liners tend to ignore that many of Nicaragua's 3.2 million people have benefited from the Sandinistas.

"The middle class here has been hit very hard," said a European envoy. "Thousands have left. But there are many, the poorest of the poor, who had nothing under (former dictator Anastasio) Somoza and have something now."

Under an agrarian reform programme initiated in 1981, the Sandinistas created more private farmers than existed before the 1979 revolution. Now 80 per cent of agriculture is in private hands, counting government-sponsored cooperatives.

UN sees lag in economic growth rate

GENEVA (Reuters). — Economic growth will slow this year in both industrial and developing countries, the secretariat of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) said last week.

"Output in developing countries as a group rose marginally in 1986, to an annual rate of 3.2 per cent, but this slight improvement does not preclude a fundamental shift in these economies towards sustained recovery," the UN agency's annual report said.

The document was released as Unctad began the second week of a three-week plenary meeting here, its seventh such gathering since its founding 23 years ago.

The developing world's growth rate is expected to slip to 2.9 per cent this year, the report said. In developing countries, growth will slow to 2.3 per cent in 1987 from 2.4 and 2.8 per cent in 1986 and 1985, it added.

This, along with huge debts, falling commodity prices and rising U.S. interest rates will squeeze developing countries' economies, the report said.

Slow growth in the developed world means little growth in third world exports, putting more pressure on commodity prices.

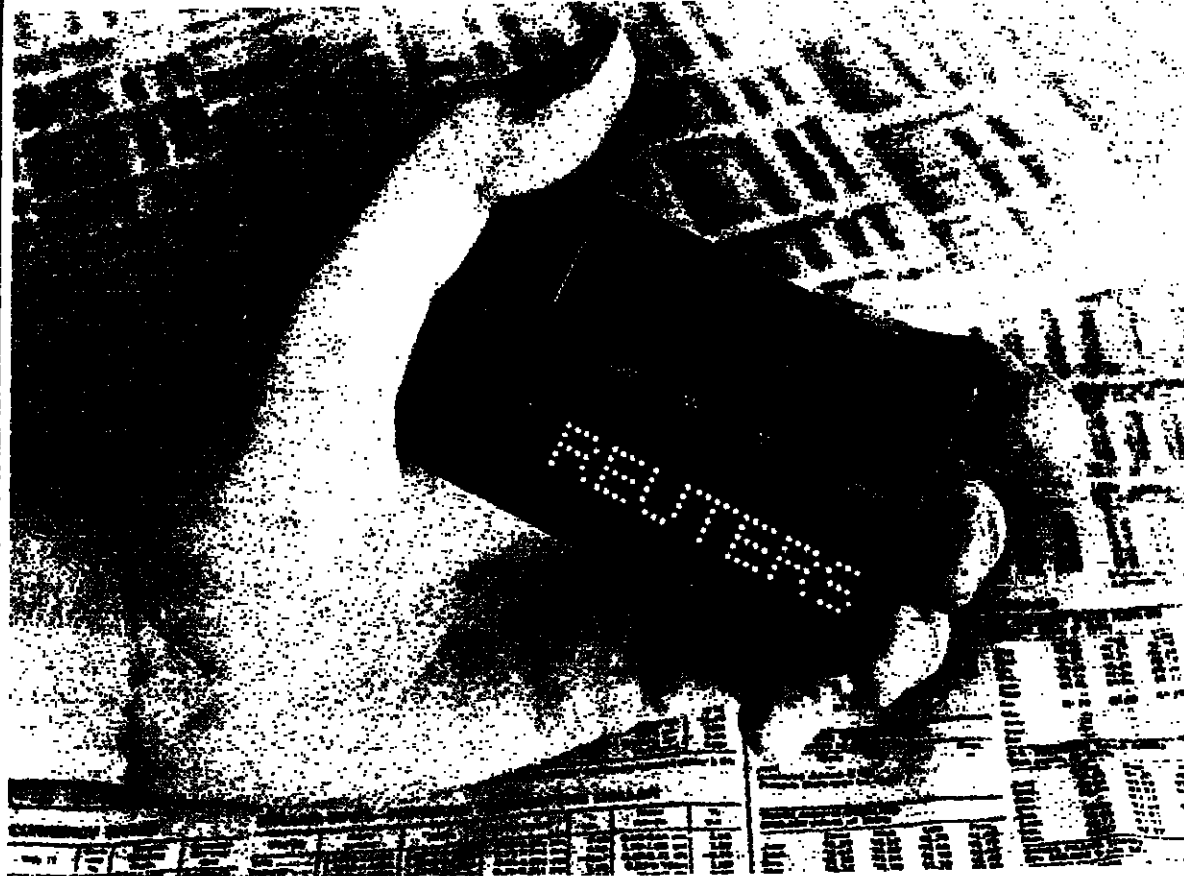
In the U.S. the rising amount owed by the world's biggest debtor nations, is prompting the government and consumers to slow their spending, keeping the economy sluggish, it said.

Investment in the industrial world has been discouraged by high real interest rates and because of the weak growth in demand at home and in developing countries, the report said.

Governments need "to coordinate macro-economic policies in order to attain more balanced growth, avoid wide swings in monetary policy, lower interest rates, reduce exchange rate instability and secure a more predictable trading environment," the report said.

On the debt crisis, the report said lending to developing countries has dropped again, with "debt fatigue" spreading among both borrowers and creditors "and is leading them willy-nilly towards adjusting the terms on old debt."

Falling commodity prices mean third world countries have a harder time earning the money they need to pay off their debt, despite the reschedulings negotiated since 1982, Unctad said.



Wall Street in your pocket

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

The young broker at the next table interrupted his meal to extract from the pocket of his expensively tailored suit a small instrument. This was too bulky to be a calculator and too small to be a walkie-talkie: whatever it was, he consulted it briefly, and appeared somewhat shocked at the outcome.

Quickly extracting a cordless telephone from his briefcase, he dialed a number and began giving instructions. The few snatches that could be overheard — "close out the gold position and short the Deutschmark and yen" — made it clear that he had been taken by surprise by a sharp upmove in the dollar.

If you come across that kind of situation, whether in a junky novel or in real life, you will have seen an interesting new gadget in useful operation. The item in question is the Reuter Pocketwatch, which is a far cry from an ordinary pocket watch, except that it keeps you up to date. Some people may find that, although it costs a pretty penny, they can't do without it.

Having a Reuters screen in the office is pretty well *de rigueur* for Israeli executives involved in the financial or commodity markets, including many exporters and importers for whom success and failure often depend as much on currency and other considerations as on production and marketing factors.

The really keen, such as brokers and others to whom being in touch around the clock is more than just a slogan, have screens in their homes as well. The idea is to prevent them

being caught out by the ever-volatile market environment.

But is this good enough? For those with no social life and no outside distractions to tear them away from the screen, perhaps it is. But there are many everyday situations which separate people from the precious supply of up-to-date information.

Not everyone, for example, has a tennis or squash court at home, or grounds large enough to jog in. When engaged in these activities, they are forced to leave the sheltered environment of home and office and enter a screen-less zone. Parties and social engagements of every sort also involve dangerous sallies into localities where financial data is not on-line, real-time.

For people such as these, the Reuter pocketwatch should help preserve their sanity. It is a radio-linked, battery-operated little gadget, smaller but heavier than a box of cigarettes, which can be carried in a shirt pocket by an Israeli, and certainly in a suit by the better-dressed.

What it does is simply keep its processor up to date with key financial data. It is not real time, because it only updates every five minutes, but it is a lot better than being completely cut off from financial news. At present, the pocketwatch gives the rates of the main currencies — mark, sterling, Swiss franc and yen — and the price of gold and silver, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average. This is just for starters, according to Reuters. They intend to add other important data, such as the U.S. government "benchmark" bond, and the S&P index.

On the basis of preliminary publicity among his current clients, Reuters local chief representative, Julian Costley, obtained some 40 orders for the new gadget. This is no mean feat, since the device is as costly as the man it comes from. Subscribers to other Reuters services pay less than full price, but each pocketwatch must be rented at a cost of hundred dollars per month. They can't be bought.

It is, therefore, either a business expense for those who move large sums, to whom the rental fee is insignificant, or a fancy toy for the very rich.

The physical item itself, which is not what is paid for, carries a replacement tag of \$800, and clients are required to insure their pocketwatches. The radio transmission is conducted using the facilities of Iturbi Communications Services, Israel's leading paging outfit.

Useful as it may be, the pocketwatch does not close the gap completely. For a start, it is up to five minutes — that's 300 seconds — behind.

More seriously, its ability to receive information is limited to a range of 25km. from the three main cities. A long weekend in Eilat, Tiberias or the Hermon ski slopes puts you out of range, and may therefore be less restful than planned, if you must worry about the rest of the world you've left behind.

The pocketwatch doesn't work in lifts, or underground, or in other places where reception is always difficult. But for the man in the restaurant, it's just perfect.

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Proposal to compensate W. Bankers with water

Senior ministers have proposed to compensate West Bank residents with water from Israeli wells for that to be extracted in a major deep-drilling project in the Bethlehem area.

West bank mayors and Egyptian officials recently protested against the drilling project following their disclosure in *The Jerusalem Post*. The U.S. also, though less formally, "expressed concern."

Foreign Minister Peres subsequently looked into the matter. Peres, apparently together with Defence Minister Rabin and Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin, then decided to compensate the Arabs for the water to be extracted with water from Israeli sources. "We won't steal water from them," Peres said.

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Davis Cup coverage

The last minute change of heart of the Indian government about allowing Israeli journalists to enter India means that *The Jerusalem Post's* co-sports editor, Yoram Kessel, leaves today on a 26-hour flight via Europe to New Delhi.

Unless there should be some further hitch, *The Post* Sports Department will be providing daily coverage and features with regard to the most important tennis match in the country's history, every day from Tuesday onwards.

BAN

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the weekend and that one group had encountered difficulties because of a problem "between their travel agent and the Indian authorities."

It is understood from travel agents in the Indian capital that with the exception of this one group - of journalists and tennis fans - no other Israeli tourists will be allowed into India until the end of the month.

This is apparently on security grounds as the Indian authorities are taking extreme precautions to avoid any incidents during the three-day tennis match. It will be the first time an Israeli team has competed in India since the early 1950s.

The ban at the end of last week, which observers in Delhi had linked to PLO pressure on India in an attempt to impede the smooth staging of the contest, caused hardship for at least two groups of Israeli visitors. Both were regular tourist groups who had nothing to do with tennis.

Contacted by *The Jerusalem Post* in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu on Friday, where one group, of 14, had been diverted from Delhi, Aharon Blum, the leader, said that news of the ban had come as a "rude shock" as they disembarked after midnight from their Lufthansa flight.

"We were told that the Indian government had revoked our visas (which had been arranged for us before we left from Israel) and there was no point in protesting. At first the airport staff didn't even want to take our luggage off the plane and wanted us to continue on immediately to Singapore. Then, they relented a little when they learnt that from India we were due to continue on to Nepal."

"We were allowed into the transit lounge on the understanding that we would leave on the first flight the next morning," Blum related. Eventually after "a most uncomfortable" 11-hour stay in the airport they boarded a Royal Nepal Airways flight for the two-hour journey to the Himalayan kingdom.

"We will be extending our stay here," the tour leader said, adding "It was a terribly disappointing way to start the tour. In fact everyone was thoroughly depressed."

The Indian airport officials were "polite enough," he said, but stressed that the group (members of whom were paying over \$4,000 apiece for the month-long Far East tour) had hardly enjoyed their first night in Asia.

They were not even offered refreshments. "There was nothing to drink, and the small canteen had no change for their dollars late at night so we could not even buy anything," Blum noted.

At least one other Israeli group was caught in mid-air by the ban. They were a group of 19 young Israelis from kibbutzim and moshavim who were on Friday due to begin a month's camping tour of India. They had only one-way tickets, and thus Alitalia, their carrier, refused to take them back to Rome as the Indian immigration officials were insisting.

For their part, the group who planned to buy cheap return tickets to Athens, said they were determined to remain at the airport until permitted to enter India. Their whereabouts late yesterday were unclear.

SECURITY

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"We began our six days of preparations with two practice sessions at the tennis centre. Fortunately the weather was a cool 40 degrees," Stabholz quipped, adding: "So far, fears about food have proved unfounded. Everyone is in high spirits."

The Indian team, led by playing captain Vijay Amritraj and No. 1 racket Ramesh Krishnan, will arrive in Delhi this morning, further fuelling the already intense local interest in the match. Stabholz said.

Not all the interest is sporting, however. Crack commando units, anti-riot police, bomb disposal squads, fire fighters and a security "Red Alert" normally have nothing to do with tennis.

But for three days beginning next Friday, about 2,000 police and paramilitary troops will join the tennis set for the Israel-India quarter final match, which is considered vitally important by both nations.

There will be more police than spectators, in fact two policemen for every person watching the match from the stands," said a police officer.

Police sources said they were under instructions from the Indian government to give full security cover to the players and delegation members. "It is like protecting potential targets. We are going to have a tough time," a police officer told the Associated Press.

Indian Moslem fundamentalist groups have threatened demonstrations against the team. New Delhi has more than 600,000 Moslems.

Another problem for the police is the presence of more than 6,000 Arab students in India, half of them Palestinians.

Dozens of paramilitary troops and commandos are sealing off the practice area, two kilometres from the hotel where the Israeli team is staying, police sources said.

It was under threat of a fine and suspension from Davis Cup play that India took the unusual decision of admitting an Israeli sports team, a move that the Arab League mission here calls "a discouraging step in the path of Indo-Arab relations."

"The Indian government told us that it was de-linking sports with diplomacy, but the logic is flimsy," said Khaled el-Sheikh, the PLO ambassador here. The PLO office in New Delhi was upgraded to a full diplomatic mission in 1980.

"Israel is an aggressive state. Why play games with them and invite risk?" said Ramzi Badran, chief representative of the Arab League.

"We know the risk involved, hence we are not leaving anything to chance," said Delhi's senior police security officer.

Posters proclaiming: "PLO brothers, we are with you," have appeared on the walls of India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid in old Delhi. Moslem student groups and the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami have threatened protests, police said.

A PLO representative said: "The PLO will not take any direct action, but I have no control over Palestinian students."

Indian tennis officials and sports bureaucrats have never explained publicly the decision to allow the game to be played. Privately they say one major reason is the \$10,000 fine and three-year ban from Davis Cup that refusing to play would bring.

Tennis on wheels

By JACK LEON

RAMAT HASHARON. - France's Laurent Giammartini and Holland's Chantal Vandierendonck yesterday won their respective singles crowns at Israel's second annual International Wheelchair tennis championships, held at the Israel Tennis Centre courts here.

In two highly-competitive finals - played in searing heat - second seed Giammartini retained his men's title with an upset 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over world champion and top seed Randy Snow of the U.S., while the game's no. 1 woman, Vandierendonck, defeated compatriot Monique Bosch 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

A total of 47 players, including 21 overseas competitors, took part in the five-day event. The high-calibre entry at this wheelchair tennis meet included four of the world's top 10 men and three of the top eight women. Israel's Sport Centre for the Handicapped in Ramat Gan - which organized the championships together with the ITC - ran a 60-draw qualifier for both men's and women's tournaments.



CHAMP. - Chantal Vandierendonck of Holland.

(H. Guttmann) European men's champion and world no. 4 Giammartini, 28, took some time to settle down in his final against 22-year-old Snow, but from the second he broke the American's serve in the second-set opener, he was always in control. Though a double bounce is allowed in the wheelchair game, the two contestants showed such anticipation and speed about the court in their specially-adapted light wheelchairs, that very often they took the ball on the first bounce.

Giammartini constantly scored with unrelenting cross-court drives and overhead smashes, while keeping Snow on the move in the heat with clever tactics. Both players were leading Israeli juniors in their respective countries, before being confined to wheelchairs as a result of accidents.

Friday's semi-finals saw the demise of Israeli 20-year-old Ben-Zion Patach - the local no. 1 - versus 6-4, 6-3 to Snow, and Hegel was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by Giammartini. Patach distinguished himself in the quarter, with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over France's Pierre Fautsch, who was runner-up in the inaugural championships here.

CAESAREA GOLF. - Friday's Betterball tournament was deservedly won by Morton Cooper of Tel Aviv and Motti Cohen of Or Akiva with a 61 net.

Cooper played flawless golf to finish with a 3-under-par 68 gross, and Cohen shot a 73 gross.

ATHLETICS.

Aouita claims world best, Moses trips to second loss

PARIS. (Reuter). - Moroccan Express said Aouita claimed a 2,000 metres world best and the once invincible Ed Moses tripped to defeat on a rain-swept track in the Paris International Athletics meeting.

Olympic 5,000 metres champion Aouita, undeterred by the wet conditions here on Thursday night, cracked Briton Steve Cram's two-year old standard to take his current tally to four world marks.

Aouita, who failed to capture Cram's one mile world mark in New Monday, made ample amends with a superb run.

The Moroccan, paced by two "thorax" for 3 1/2 laps, seized the lead 600 metres from home and sped to victory in four minutes 50.81 seconds.

The time placed over half a second from the 4:53.28 set by Cram in Budapest in August 1985 and turned his trio of 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres and two mile world titles into a quartet.

Moses, who suffered his first 400 metres hurdles defeat in nearly 10 years at the hands of fellow American Harris last month, succumbed again when he hit the penultimate hurdle to rob himself of what had looked a certain victory.

Moses, Olympic champion in 1976 and 1984, saw an unlikely stretch of 122-000 metres hurdles record broken by compatriot Danny Harris in Madrid on June 4.

On Thursday night he was striving to victory on the home straight when he chattered his wheels and crashed to the track as his astonished rivals streamed past.

In Birmingham, Britain's world championship medal hopes Steve Overt and Steve Cram made timely returns to winning form with victories in the men's 800 metres and 3,000 metres respectively at the Britain versus U.S. athletics meeting on Friday night.

U.S. dominate track events

ZAGREB. - Americans completed a world student games sprint sweep when Wallace Spearmon and Gwen Torrence took the 200-metre crowns.

Torrence had already won the 100 metres while compatriot Lee McRae triumphed in the men's race.

For good measure, Charles Simpkins retained his triple jump title and Randall Heister won the discus for the United States.

Ironically, the Americans' dominance here did not extend to the men's basketball finals, where Yugoslavia beat the U.S. 100-85 (halftime 50-38).

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BRITISH OPEN

Azinger holds lead after round 3

MUIRFIELD (Reuter). - American Paul Azinger sank a 13-foot bogey putt at the last hole to keep a one-shot lead over Nick Faldo of Britain and South African David Frost after three rounds of the British Open Golf Championship.

Azinger's determined putt after he had been in bunker trouble gave him a level-par 71 yesterday for a six-under total of 207 and capped a day of variable weather which proved a nightmare for the early starters before easing off for the leading group.

Faldo also bogeyed the final hole for a 71 while the Dallas-based Frost compiled a one-under-par day's joint best of 70 despite missing three short putts.

Five-times champion Tom Watson birdied the final hole from 15 feet to salvage a round of 71. He was another shot back and level in fourth place with fellow-Americans Craig Stadler and Payne Stewart, who shot 71 and 72 respectively.

Last year's U.S. Open champion, Ray Floyd, is alone in seventh spot. He also shot 70 today.

The world's top three players, defending champion Greg Norman, Steve Ballmer of Australia and Langer of West Germany, are out of the hunt as Norman's 74 yesterday left him three over par and he conceded he has no chance.

Ballmer finished to a 77 and is seven over while Langer needed three shots to escape from a cross bunker at the eighth hole and could do no better than a 76. He is one over par.

Sheeting rain and a howling gale greeted the early players today and course officials chopped the yardage on four holes to reduce the overall length by nearly 200 yards to 6,781 yards.

However, several big names still shut in the 80s, including U.S. Open champion Scott Simpson and Mark O'Meara on 83 and fellow-Americans Jack Nicklaus and Tom Kite on 81.

Despite forecasts that the bad weather would continue, the rain stopped, the wind dropped and the sun made a brief appearance to make Muirfield manageable for the afternoon group.

Yesterday was another solid day for American golfers playing in horrid weather conditions, a day on which 1-under par 70 was the lowest score and veteran Nicklaus scored to 10-over for his round.

Azinger, leading money-winner on the U.S. PGA tour, will be the last off the tee today as he tries to duplicate the feat of such golf greats as Ben Hogan and Sam Snead in winning the sport's oldest tournament on his initial visit.

Azinger, the winner of three tournaments this season, started the round in the lead at 6-under 136 and regained the lead on the 16th hole of the third round with a birdie.

Third-round scores and totals in the British Open yesterday: 207 - Paul Azinger (U.S.) 68, 67, 71; David Frost (South Africa) 70, 68, 71; Nick Faldo (Britain) 68, 69, 71; 200 - Craig Stadler (U.S.) 69, 69, 71; Tom Watson (U.S.) 69, 69, 71; Payne Stewart (U.S.) 71, 66, 72; 210 - Ray Floyd (U.S.) 72, 68, 70; 211 - Mark Calcavecchia (U.S.) 69, 78, 72; Nick Price (South Africa) 68, 71, 72; Roger Davis (Australia) 64, 73, 74; Graham Marsh (Australia) 69, 70, 72.

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New York manager Dave Johnson was less than kind: "It's right there," the manager said. "It's one step to his left. It's made to order."

After Bo Diaz filed off left, Nick Esposito hit a 3-2 pitch from Darling, 4-7, over the left-field fence. It was the 11th time the Reds have won this season in their final at-bat.

Expos 5, Braves 4
Tim Lincecum's initial single with the bases loaded in the eighth inning lifted Montreal over visiting Atlanta for the Expo's fifth straight victory.

Twins 7, Mariners 0
Alan Trammell had three hits, including his 14th home run, and Frank Tanana pitched a three-hitter to lead Detroit.

The victory was the 70th in Detroit for manager Sparky Anderson, who earlier managed the Cincinnati Reds to 863 wins.

Twins 3, Blue Jays 2
Frank White scattered eight hits over seven innings and Al Newman doubled in the game-winning run in the seventh to lead Minnesota over Toronto.

Orioles 3, Royals 1
Ray Knight and Eddie Murray hit RBI singles in a two-run eighth inning to lead Baltimore past Kansas City.

It was the sixth victory in nine games for the Orioles, who suffered through a franchise-record slugging spell in June and July when they lost 30 of 35. It also marked the Orioles' first three-game winning streak since May 25-28.

Brewers 12, Angels 2
Dale Svein hit three home runs and drove in six runs and Milwaukee posted a season-high 28-hit attack to beat California.

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Greg Matthews pitched six-hit ball for eight plus innings and Willie McGee and Tony Pena drove in two runs each as St. Louis held on to defeat San Diego.

Matthews, 7-4, struck out two and walked two. He lost his shutout when Carmelo Martinez led off the ninth inning with his 10th home run. John Kruk followed with single and Chris Brown doubled to chase Matthews.

Todd Worrell came on and struck out two before Marvell Wynne hit a two-run pinch single, but Worrell got his 19th save when he struck out pinch-hitter Tim Lincecum.

Dodgers 3, Pirates 2
Marino Duncan, in a 4-0-24 slump, singled to lead off the ninth and the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning, hitting Los Angeles over Pittsburgh.

With one out, Franklin Stubbs, Steve Sax and pinch-hitter Ken Landrum hit singles off reliever Don Robinson, 6-6, to lead the bases.

Cubs 5, Giants 1
Rick Sutcliffe held San Francisco hitless through five innings and left the game allowing six singles over 7 1/2 after his 13th victory of the season as Chicago beat the Giants at Candlestick Park.

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And now Egypt

LOATHED and shunned in the West, Austria's war-crimes-suspect-turned-president is pressing on with his campaign to recapture international respectability by making the rounds of Arab capitals of the Middle East. And Arab rulers are lining up to offer him the red-carpet treatment, with leaders of the moderate camp in the Arab world scrambling to the top of the line.

Having gone on a state visit to Jordan two weeks ago - his first such visit since being elected to the presidency, not counting the audience with the pope - Kurt Waldheim, the only Holocaust-associated ex-Nazi officer now serving as a chief of state, is planning a repeat performance in Egypt next week.

There must be some good reasons, too, for the avidity with which King Hussein and then President Hosni Mubarak have seized on the opportunity to help Dr. Waldheim out of his well-deserved isolation. But they are not nearly good enough.

Because he was the UN's secretary general at the time when the Arab diplomatic campaign against Israel was at its height, the Austrian president is rated a great friend of the Arabs.

Thus, by showering their favours on him, the Hashemite monarch and the Egyptian president may feel that they are proving to their rejectionist and fundamentalist detractors at home and throughout Arab that they remain true sons of the Arab nation. In other words, that the quest for peace with Israel, or the maintenance of peaceful ties with it, need not brand them as lackeys of the Jewish state or, for that matter, of America.

As they both probably see it, their courtship of Dr. Waldheim supports rather than contradicts the pursuit of peace.

Unfortunately, no attempt was made to point out to King Hussein the utter folly of any such reasoning when Dr. Waldheim came to Amman. Israel's official silence on that visit could only have signalled to the Jordanian host he had done the right thing, and to President Mubarak that a similar gesture of goodwill towards his Austrian counterpart would similarly be taken by Israel's government in its stride.

Now the word is out that when Egypt's foreign minister, Esmat Abdel Meguid, comes to Jerusalem tomorrow he will be treated to an expression of Israel's displeasure with Dr. Waldheim's virtually simultaneous visit to Cairo. But that nothing will be said that might jeopardize this country's present cordial relations with Egypt, or undermine the hope of expanding the circle of Israel-Arab peace beyond Egypt's borders.

Nothing, in fact, will be better calculated to secure the opposite objective. Peace between the Arabs and Israel will not be made unless a decisive majority of the people of this country are persuaded that it is preferable to a Greater Eretz Yisrael. When Arab leaders are engaged in a lovefest with Dr. Waldheim, and in so doing suggest that the Holocaust was a trifling matter, if not a figment of Zionist imagination, they pull out the rug from under the feet of Israeli peace-seekers. And make themselves suspect as the champions of peace.

This is what Dr. Abdel Meguid should be told, and in no uncertain terms.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS WHEN American writer and wit Dorothy Parker said her epitaph should read "Excuse my dust," she probably could not have guessed that 20 years after her death her ashes would be a matter of controversy.

Parker's ashes are without a permanent abode because her estate does not have enough money to pay the rent for a place in a mausoleum. Paul O'Dwyer, a prominent New York lawyer, thinks something should be done. Parker's ashes are kept in a tin in a cupboard in his New York office, and have been there for the last decade.

O'Dwyer, a former New York city council president, has started a campaign to provide a proper resting place for the author, poet, columnist and critic.

Cremated on her death in 1967 in New York City at age 73, Parker did not leave instructions for the final resting place of her remains, according to O'Dwyer.

PS IN ITS continuing war on rodents, the Bangladeshi government is offering television sets and other electronic gadgets as rewards for farmers who bag at least 500 rats.

They said nearly five million rats had been killed since Bangladesh launched a campaign two years ago to save up to 1.4 million tons of rice and wheat destroyed by rats annually.

Farmers normally use fishing nets and tranquilizers mixed with wheat-balls to capture the rodents. But where the devices fail to work, they use trumps, loudspeakers and firecrackers to halt the advancing hordes.

Agriculture experts have suggested that buzzards and eagles should be bred to keep down the rodent population.

PS NEW PRODUCTS shown at a Chicago electronics show recently include loudspeakers connected to an amplifier by infrared beams of wires, a camera that takes still pictures displayed on a television screen and combined audio-video compact discs (CDS).

Koss Corp., which manufactures the "Kordless Speakers" due to go on sale in the U.S. in September, claims they may revolutionize the speaker industry.

Casio Inc., manufacturer of the still camera that stores its photographs on floppy discs for display on television sets, says the cameras hit retail stores in December.

Companies displayed audio-video CDS in three different sizes, with prices ranging down to \$7 a disc. They can be played in standard audio CD players, in video CD players or in new audio video CD players which sell in the U.S. for about \$800 each.

PS THE PAKISTANI Air Force recently lost one of its prized U.S.-built F-16 warplanes when it collided with a wild pig on a runway and burst into flames.

Minister of State for Defence Rana Naem Mahmud Khan said the plane hit a wild boar as it raced down the runway for a night take-off.

"Unseen by the pilot, the nose gear struck a wild boar crossing the runway. The nose gear broke and the aircraft caught fire shortly after the nose impacted the runway," he said.

Western diplomats said officers at the Sargodha base in central Punjab province went on a rampage the next day, slaughtering more than 100 wild pigs in the surrounding forests.

France adjusts the balance

Michel Zlotowski

UNDOUBTEDLY, relations between Paris and Jerusalem have improved since De Gaulle's "little sentence" right after the Six Day War about a "self-assured and domineering people." President Pompidou's despising: "There is no one more at the number you dialed" and Giscard d'Estaing's distant look at Zion from Jordan. In 1982, Francois Mitterrand made the first official visit of a French president to Israel, and there will be yet another "premiere," with next October's visit of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Paris has also served as an advanced base for formulating Israel's foreign policy. A fortnight ago, Shimon Peres revealed that Israel's ambassador to France, Ovadia Sofer, had met with his Chinese counterpart and that Beijing was weighing the possibilities of establishing diplomatic ties with Jerusalem.

A year earlier, Sofer had discreet meetings in Paris with the Soviet ambassador in France, at conductor Daniel Barenboim's residence.

Ambassador Sofer firmly refuses to elaborate on these meetings. "As a diplomat, it is out of the question for me to speak about contacts with countries with which we do not have official relations," Sofer told The Post. "but I cannot deny the reality of my talks with the then ambassador Vorontsov, today deputy foreign minister of the USSR."

You have to understand that Paris is not only the capital of France - it is a pivot for world diplomacy. It is natural for someone who has spent years developing contacts, through the UN, with representatives of the Western and Third World to do his best to extend the relations of Israel to countries she has no ties with.

"France regards itself as a power that has a say in Middle East affairs," says Sofer. "And it is a fact that it has a presence there. Its important military industry is mainly oriented towards the Arab countries. Its commercial trade with them is also very important. It has maintained traditionally close links with the countries of the Maghreb."

"One has to keep in mind that there are over five million Moslems in France (about 10 per cent of the total population). To put things simply, Islam is the second religion in France. This country has, from an objective point of view, interests in the Middle East in general and with the Arab world, in particular. Almost all French leaders, past and present, from the left and from the right, have close relations

with Arab leaders. France, then, feels that it can play a positive role in the Middle East.

"IT IS NO news that France and Israel have had their ups and downs. In the past, the ups coincided with the French colonial wars, the trouble in Algeria during which the French regarded themselves as Israel's partners in the struggle against the Arabs."

"Relations with Israel did not go downhill from 1967, as usually thought, but many years earlier, in 1962, when Algeria was granted independence. President de Gaulle tried to establish pro-Arab diplomacy - the Six Day War gave him a first-class excuse to do so. From 1967 on, there were still diplomatic relations between our two countries, but they were far from friendly and, I would say, were void of content. The only reason for their existence was probably the French public's support for Israel."

"From then on, France was always to be found at the root of international initiatives or declarations about the Middle East, actions which Israel regarded as unfriendly," says Sofer, "like the Venice Declaration in 1980."

Even after President Mitterrand's historic visit in 1982, the French proposed a resolution at the UN, co-signed by Egypt, which aimed to alter the terms of Resolution 242. There was no consultation with Israel beforehand, a move strongly resented in Jerusalem.

"We had to wait till the end of 1983 to see a real improvement of our relations with the French political establishment. The embassy here had started with a publicity programme, aimed at the media and the political elite of both the government and the opposition, which tried to explain and prove to them that the establishment of balanced relations with Israel could only help France to play a positive role in the Middle East."

"Francois Mitterrand showed the way in 1982, but it was not before 1984 that prominent leaders broke some sort of unwritten law by following his example and making official visits to Israel e.g. Jacques Chirac (then mayor of Paris). Even those Socialist ministers who were in power waited until 1984 before visiting Israel."

"What I see as one of our greatest achievements is that after the March 1986 elections in which the right-wing opposition regained power, there was consensus among the French political parties on the need to continue good relations with Israel."

"The fact that, under this peculiar regime of cohabitation (France is currently ruled by a Socialist president and a right-wing government), Israel is welcomed both at the Palais de l'Elysee (President Mitterrand's residence) and the Palais Matignon (Premier Chirac's offices) proves that our established position as a friend of France goes way back beyond narrow political considerations."

"Dialogue is very important. Since 1984, France has not taken any initiative in the Middle East without prior consultations with Israel. The declared position of the French leaders today is that they are ready to play a positive role if they are asked to do so by the parties involved."

ISRAEL'S ambassador is known for his excellent relations with Prime Minister Chirac. He insists that he had equally good links with previous tenants of the Palais Matignon: Socialists Pierre Mauroy (who was not especially warm towards Israel) and Laurent Fabius.

"When Prime Minister Shamir was in Paris last April, Chirac came to the ambassador's residence and publicly said that he felt at home," recalls Sofer. "We developed friendly links and meet quite often. The dialogue we started when Chirac was in opposition went on even after he became prime minister. I had the historic privilege to host a lunch for President Mitterrand when the then prime minister Shimon Peres was here in December 1984."

But ambassador Sofer's task has often taken him away from Paris. "I feel that, in order to represent Israel in France, I have to meet people. I travel extensively, even to the remote regions. One has to know that any politician here is also mayor of a city, chairman of a local or regional council."

"I also tried, and I still do, to further economic relations with France. The severance of economic ties between our countries from 1967 left terrible scars. France complied with the Arab boycott."

Although international regulations ban such practices, former president Giscard d'Estaing's last prime minister, Raymond Barre,

issued an official note allowing French industrialists to boycott Israel "in the name of the interests of France." This did not prevent Barre from visiting Israel twice - today he's on good terms with Sofer. (Barre's note has since been cancelled by Pierre Mauroy's government).

"Of course, we cannot compare what happens today, for example the visit to Israel of the Paris Chamber of Commerce chairman, to what prevailed for years. In 1984, we signed a very important technological agreement with the government of Laurent Fabius."

"But in spite of the official good will, we face big problems because the French markets are Arab-oriented. Something spectacular remains to be done to change the French way of thinking. And on the other side, our economy is U.S.-oriented. Our industry finds it difficult to adjust to the French requirements. I guess that this has to be straightened out."

ISRAEL is also present on the French cultural scene. Copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls were shown at the huge From the Bible to our Days exhibition at Paris's Grand Palais. Other Sofer initiatives, like the Palais de Versailles lavish celebration of Ben-Gurion's centenary, were not to everyone's taste. To his credit though, not one French politician declined his invitation.

"I do my best to organize big events," acknowledges Sofer, since small events go totally unnoticed. Paris is so full of culture that if you don't hit it big, it has no impact at all. I am planning some good events for the coming celebrations of Israel's 40th anniversary."

"An ambassador is supposed to represent only the interests of his country," says Sofer. "I think that an ambassador's task includes the effort to bring the two peoples closer. Although there are now closer links between France and Israel, some problems remain unsolved."

"We differ on the PLO issue and the representation of the Palestinians. The Arab lobby in France is important, its power derived from trade with the Arab world. We don't buy French fighter planes as the Arabs do."

"Improved relations? Definitely, but don't forget that Israel has not suddenly become France's only friend," warns Sofer. "France has simply decided to balance her relations with us. We worked hard to achieve this goal, and nothing should be taken for granted."

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READERS' LETTERS

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Mr. Abba Eban is not accurate in asserting (Letters - July 9) that "the only reference" in the report of his sub-committee to Mr. Shimon Peres, who was prime minister when the Pollard affair broke, was that "the prime minister, by virtue of his office, was the senior" of the three ministers who decided on the government's reaction.

These words do not appear in the report, which states that Mr. Peres' "parliamentary responsibility is preponderant." Moreover, the two other Labour members of the sub-committee, Messrs. Diniz and Harish, proposed adding that "the three acted as a team by virtue of the positions they held in the government... and they bear responsibility together before the Knesset for their decisions," although they did not demur to the statement quoted.

Why did Mr. Eban join with the three Herut members in rejecting this self-evident statement? Because, as I have it on unimpeachable authority, he had already made a deal with the three Herutniks, who, as Mr. Olmert has admitted (in an interview in your paper), were out from the beginning to discredit Mr. Peres.

Mr. Eban, as a world authority on diplomacy, is well aware that what counts is not the literal wording of a document, but the overall meaning that it conveys. Thus, although Mr. Eban joined Messrs. Diniz and Harish in expressing general approval for Mr. Peres' actions after the affair broke, Mr. Olmert and his fellow-Herutniks were able to create the impression that the report laid the "preponderant" blame on Mr. Peres.

COMFORT AT SEA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In Joshua Brilliant's otherwise absorbing article on the patrol boats off Israel's shores ("Safeguarding our seas" - May 8), he mentions something that strains credulity.

Describing the facilities of the Dabur boat which he had joined, he notes: "But there is no operating toilet. The stench would have been too strong, one of the men explained. Instead, the men climb to the deck, slip into their orange life vests and climb over the rail for bowel movements. 'You grab hold of the railings as though you were driving a motorcycle,' a crew member said."

Are we expected to accept that on these fast, modern vessels, apparently constantly heaving on the seas, according to the writer, the crew have to resort to this primitive, difficult, not to mention perilous, method of answering the call of nature? That on these obviously high-tech equipped naval boats, toilets could not be designed with adequate flushing and/or chemical disposal systems?

Could it be that your reporter was being ribbed?

Jerusalem.

Joshua Brilliant comments: The Dabur was originally designed to be a small river patrol craft and that is probably why it lacks amenities one would expect on a vessel operating in the open seas.

It seems the navy shares Mr. Kramer's concerns and the Dabur's successor, called Devora, reportedly includes operating toilets.

JEWISH MORALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I was very happy to learn that Shubert Spero, Irving L. Stone professor of Jewish thought at Bar Ilan University, does not feel like an occupier (July 6). Good for him. It must be a wonderful feeling to sit in those non-occupied territories, with so clean a conscience.

Being one of those unfortunate "morally sensitive people who were stamped out" into a headlong panic to rid themselves of this leprosy "occupation," I would like to know how precisely "Jewish morality speaks to this situation?" And, more specifically, how we can convince those people in the non-occupied territories of their non-occupied status, so that they can feel as good about the non-occupation as Professor Spero does.

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For this false impression, which he did nothing to correct, Mr. Eban ought to accept responsibility. I quote his own words about Peres in an interview with him in your issue of June 2: "If he were only capable of a single expression of humility in any respect... If he didn't insist on zero per cent of responsibility."

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OBJECTIONABLE ANALOGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - As an American black visiting Israel for the first time, I was disturbed to read the statement made in your June 19 issue by a prominent Palestinian: "As long as the Palestinian feels that he's left out, just like the American blacks in the 1940s, there will be strife and struggle and terror and turmoil." In my conversations with Israeli liberals, I have heard the same point made repeatedly.

I object to the analogy. There can be no comparison between the Palestinian Arab cause and the struggle by American blacks for their civil rights. The Palestinians believe that all of Israel belongs to them; their goal is to oust the Jewish regime and make the country into Arab Palestine. We blacks never had such an attitude with regard to the United States; our goal was merely

for equality, for a larger slice of the social pie, not to take the entire pie for ourselves.

The vast moral chasm which separates Palestinian Arabs from American blacks is further illustrated by the respective tactics used. The Palestinians plant bombs in supermarkets, hurl hand grenades at civilian buses, deliberately slaughter defenceless women and children. We blacks, in contrast, won most of our civil rights victories through the use of peaceful, non-violent civil disobedience. Even when a few hot-heads got out of control and rioted, there were never any massacres of whites the way Arabs here massacre Jews, as Jews.

So I appeal to the Palestinians: please, stop using us as your stepping-stones. It's plain dishonest.

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